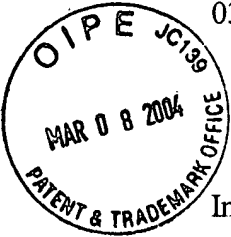


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Jose Diaz
MASAAKI IWANE ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2815
Application No.: 09/346,678)	
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Filed: July 2, 1999)	
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For: CRYSTAL GROWTH PROCESS,)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	:	
AND ITS PRODUCTION)	
PROCESS	:	March 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is provided in the English-language abstract attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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